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DOCTOR H. C. WILSON,
First Speaker of the Assembly of
the North West Territories.
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The above is a picture of Dr. H. C. Wilson of this city, taken nearly twenty years ago in his robes of office as First Speaker of the Assembly of the North-West Territories, to which post he was elected by that body when it assembled at Regina in 1887. The cut is published by courtesy of the publishers of the Regina West. When the first legislature of Saskatchewan assembled some weeks ago, the Regina Standard published a lengthy article in the course of which the statement was made that Lieutenant-Governor Forget, when he read his speech, sat in the identical chair from which the president of the Quebec conference, which arranged the details of confederation, directed the proceedings of that gathering. The table at the House at Regina, the Standard went on to say, is also that which was used at Quebec.

"Covered now with a green mantle" the article continued "the old table presents little that would give to the casual observer any idea that around its borders there have been important gatherings. Its four legs stand firm today as the day the great men of Canada met at its side to consider the confederating of the provinces. Its ink-stained top alone gives indication of long use. The travels of the old Confederation table have been many. It was stored away in a back room of the Ottawa parliament buildings for some years and was finally shipped to the west to be used by the Indian Department. When the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories met the table was called into service by that body and occupied the centre of the Legislative chamber. At its head sat the clerk, and there he has continued to sit each succeeding session since that time. Along with the table there came

west the chair and it has since been utilised as a seat for Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker MacNutt will sit in that chair and His Honor will also utilise it during his visits to the House."

The Saturday News has investigated the matter and finds that while the table in question is that around which the fathers of confederation deliberated, the chair in all probability never saw Quebec. If the chair used at the Quebec conference ever came to Regina, it is now in the possession of Dr. Wilson in Edmonton, for that which was used at the first session of the territorial assembly was presented to him by the House at the end of his term of office.

Note and Comment.

At a meeting in Strathcona to discuss the high level bridge project, divergent opinions were expressed as to where the bridge should be located and as to the advisability of uniting with the C.P.R. in carrying out the project, but it was evident that the citizens were prepared to do all in their power to help it along. A committee was finally appointed to investigate and to report at a subsequent meeting. Is it only the people of Strathcona who are interested in the building of such a bridge? One would think so from the indifference which is being manifested on this side of the river. Yet we cannot see that Strathcona would gain anything like as much as Edmonton from the undertaking. The city is at present cut off by a valley, which is exceedingly difficult to traverse, from the rich district that lies to the south. If that district is to be made to contribute to the building up of Edmonton, better means of communication must be obtained. A representative of the Strathcona Board of Trade came over a few weeks ago to try and arouse some interest in the project. But he apparently did not succeed. What is the trouble? Are we making such progress, that our people have come to the conclusion that it is not worth while making an effort to further advance our interests? Something should be done and done speedily towards co-operating with Strathcona and securing government assistance. There are objections to the plan of having a deck for vehicular traffic placed on the railway bridge, but the cost of an independent structure would be so great that the Saturday News believes that an attempt should be made to reach an equitable arrangement with the C.P.R. If the opportunity is not taken advantage of, it will probably be many years before the object in view can be attained. At any rate the two towns should get together and it is exceedingly foolish on Edmonton's part to delay in meeting the advances of its neighbor.

Hon. Frank Oliver has written to the council stating that an official of the post office department is coming to Edmonton to investigate

the conditions of the mail service. The agitation of the past few months has thus not been without effect. The neglect of the department up to the present has been scandalous. It has failed to keep in touch with growing needs of all parts of the West, but nowhere have conditions been so bad as in Edmonton. The official in question should be able to suggest plenty of improvements. With more commodious quarters in which to conduct the work of the office, complaints ought to be reduced to a minimum. It has been suggested that a free delivery system should be instituted. It is doubtful if Edmonton is large enough yet to make this worthwhile. It must be remembered that a city has always to pay for this privilege by losing its one-cent rate on drop letters, and this is a very large consideration.

The question of where to put the isolation hospital remains unsolved owing to the council's failure to agree upon a site. Residents of the east end objected to its going on the public hospital property, and it has been suggested that it should be placed at some point well removed from the centre of population. To do this would be folly. It would be inconvenient for everybody. A doctor attending a patient would have to lose much time. A patient, on being taken off to some dismal spot, must feel like an outcast. His lot is a bad enough one anyway and conditions should be made as pleasant as possible for him. The writer once knew a town where the people were so frightened of having an isolation hospital in their midst that they put it in the middle of a remote cemetery. The wonder was that the patients weren't all scared to death. There is absolutely no need for placing the building in an out-of-the-way spot. Medical science can isolate it from other buildings, no matter how close they are to it. In Montreal the isolation hospital is on one of the main thoroughfares. The most suitable location in every way is alongside the city hospital, where it was first proposed to put it, and the council should agree on that site without delay. There is already a great deal of malignant disease scattered about through the city and with so many people unable to secure homes of their own, it is particularly necessary that first-class quarters be provided for those suffering from contagious maladies.

One of the matters which the Legislature should have taken up at the session just closed was the passing of a general public health act. It was put aside on account of pressure of other business, but there is nothing which requires more urgent action. As it is, the machinery of the provincial health department is inadequate to cope with the necessities of the situation.

It is good news to the citizens and very encouraging to the advocates of public ownership to learn that the electric light plant is pay-

ing so well, that a substantial reduction in the rates both for light and power is to be made. The accumulated profits at the end of 1905 amounted to nearly \$21,000. Of this \$10,000 is to be devoted to the proposed extension of the power house plant.

It is fortunately seldom that a case showing such evidences of moral degeneration as that in connection with which the young man, George McLean, is now accused of assisting in bringing about the death of the young girl, Mary Fortier, is brought to the attention of the public in this part of the world. They were found last Friday in a bush near the Norwood school, suffering from the effects of poisoning. The girl died, but the young man, on receiving care at the hospital, has recovered. They had been living in a loose relationship for some years, the girl having been brought up amid infamous surroundings and not given half a chance to make anything of herself. McLean had talked of marrying her but had not done so, owing to parental objections. They took to drinking and had been indulging freely on the morning of the tragedy. The idea of making away with themselves had often been discussed, and, according to McLean's first story, they agreed to carry it out on this occasion. At the inquest, however, he swore that he did not know what was in the chocolates, which contained the poison and which his companion gave to him. A more gruesome tragedy would be hard to find.

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The Shaw Articles

The fifth article in the series of Random Reminiscences by Charles Lewis Shaw will appear in next week's issue of the Saturday News.

The accident of last week when John Wolseley, one of the most popular engineers in the railway service in the west, was run over and killed by his locomotive at the local C. N. R. yards was most peculiar and distressing. His wife and a friend, Miss Nelson had gone down to see him at the yards and had gotten up into the cab. Fireman Smith was also on the engine. A steam injector burst and the cab so filled with steam that they could not see one another. In trying to repair the accident Wolseley evidently touched the throttle. The engine began to move and then in some unaccountable way he fell out and was run over. It finally ran into some flat cars. Going back up the track the fireman found Wolseley's body. A coroner's jury simply reported that death was due to an accident.

Rev. C. G. Corneille of Wetaskiwin occupied the pulpit at McDougall Methodist church on Sunday. Mr. Corneille has recently been called to Portage La Prairie.

The Albani Concert

A Great Audience Gathers to Hear the Chamby Girl who Became one of the World's Queens of Song

Wednesday was a great night in the musical history of Edmonton. Albani, the Chamby girl who over thirty years ago won her way to a foremost place in the world of song, and who now is taking a farewell of the country of her early years preparatory to closing her musical career, sang to an audience, which in size and appreciation must have been a revelation to a stranger, possessed of the usual conception of the crudity of conditions in the west. Time has told on the diva's voice and though, occasionally there were evidences of that wonderful power which twenty years ago charmed and thrilled the most critical audiences of Europe and America, it must be admitted that her numbers were a disappointment to the large majority in the vast crowd present. In the florid Mozart number she was probably at her best, the simple selections, in which she is best remembered by those who listened to her when she was at the height of her glory, proving most unsatisfactory. "Home Sweet Home" did not move anyone to tears on Wednesday night. A great name and an incomparable knowledge of how to sing never make up for a youth long past and the charming work of Miss Gauthier, who stands just upon the threshold of her professional career, produced a far better impression than did that of the great Albani herself. The pity is that she has lingered on the stage so long after her best days were over. But while most of those in the audience will agree that this criticism is just, they were all glad of the opportunity to pay a tribute to the great artiste, who has reflected so much honor in every way on her native land. No matter how she ranks at the present time in the musical world, we cannot forget what she has been in years gone by.

Men are we, and must grieve when even the shade
Of that which once was great is passed away.

To the members of Madame Albani's company, too high praise cannot be given. Miss Gauthier is a young Canadian who should rise to the very highest place in her art. The solo "O' Lovely Night" and the duet "A Lover and a Lass" with Mr. Archdeacon were superb. Miss Adele Verne is a marvellous pianiste. There are few women to be found the world over with such touch and such a mastery in every way over the instrument. Mr. Archdeacon's two solos were of the popular variety, "The Veteran's Song" won him a great ovation. He was repeatedly recalled but declined to respond. It will be many long years before a more accomplished violinist than Mr. Haydn Wood will be heard in Edmonton. Special mention should be made of his rendition of Schumann's "Traumerei" as an encore number. In an article in a current magazine Jan Kubelik refers to this particular selection as an extreme test of a violinist's capacity, simple though it is and attempted by every amateur. He compares it to the Soliloquy in "Hamlet." Many mouth this passage but it is only the great actor that can bring out the depth of its mean-

ing. Mr. Wood fully met the test. In Mr. Watkins the company has a most capable accompanist and musical director.

The greatest credit is due to Mr. Howard Stutchbury for his enterprise in bringing such an aggregation of talent to Edmonton and the success which has attended the venture should mean much for our musical future.

About Town.

As a result of the bill which has just passed the legislature dealing with the Edmonton provincial hospital, this institution will hereafter be known as the city hospital. This will avoid confusion with the General hospital, the Roman Catholic institution.

The body of Richard Dinwoodie, who was supposed to have fallen off the C. N. R. bridge at the Fort, was found about eight miles down the river from that town on Sunday last. He had been a resident of the district for many years and was well-known to all old-timers. He gave his name to the postoffice of Dinwoodie, acting as postmaster. He carried the mail from Beaver Lake to Vegreville, Dinwoodie and Gilpin. He leaves a wife and eight children.

Bert Townsend, the son of a newcomer from Hamilton, who is living at the fair grounds, secured a dynamite carriage the other day. While he was playing with it, it exploded. The boy's hand was so badly lacerated that it was necessary to amputate a thumb and finger.

Thomas H. Jones has filed plans for a \$4,000 residence on Eighth St. between Victoria and MacKay.

Alex. Cameron, an old-time resident, died at Ranfurly on Friday last. He was a Red River settler and came to this district 25 years ago.

Harry Naylor had several ribs broken and was badly injured internally by a cave-in at the waterworks on Monday. He had recently come here from Dakota. He was immediately taken to the hospital.

The Edmonton Brewing & Malting Co. has almost completed the installation of a fine modern plant, which will enable it to turn out a better product than ever.

Edward Nangle of Hislop and Nangle left for the north on Monday.

John A. Paul has purchased the Palm cigar store along with the billiard room and bowling alley from Carnegie Brothers. He will still maintain the Hub cigar store under separate management.

George W. Smith presented to the council on Tuesday night a letter from a friend in the east, in which the willingness was expressed to establish an iron foundry here, an investment of \$200,000 being made, in return for a small loan. The council has asked for a definite proposition.

City engineer Kealy has suggested that the street numbering should commence at First street, as the city naturally divided on different surveys there. Ald. Picard gave notice of motion to have that thoroughfare made the divisional point.

Two stages a week now run to Athabasca Landing, starting Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 a.m.

Engineer MacKay of the Machine Telephone Co. is expected here next week.

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\$700 This is our special snap this week, a house and lot next the Grace Methodist Church on Sutherland street, \$228 of this can remain on mortgage.

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From the Press Gallery

Two Months' Session is at End — Legislators the Guests of Edmonton's Citizens.

The first session of the legislature of Alberta was protracted by the Lieutenant-Governor with appropriate ceremony on Wednesday afternoon. For nearly two months the House has been in session and it is safe to say that no body of Canadian legislators has ever worked more conscientiously. A large amount of useful legislation has been put through comprised in the seventy-seven bills to which His Honor gave assent on Wednesday.

An exceptional feature has been the pleasant relationship in which the various members have stood towards one another. The opposition, while fully discharging its constitutional duty and making quite as good a showing as was possible to a party so weak numerically, was never factious and the example which it set might with profit be imitated in other seats of government throughout the Dominion. The matter which aroused the most public interest was the selection of a permanent capital. But there were plenty of other questions which will have a much more important bearing on the future welfare of the province. The legislative foundations have been well laid and the people of Alberta have reason to congratulate themselves on the character of the men to whom in the beginning of the province's constitutional career, they have committed their interests.

The government has a heavy task on its hands in selecting a site for the parliament buildings. As Hon. Mr. Cushing said on Monday night, the fight over this problem promises to be a much livelier one than that over the capital. He suggested that possibly in the event of no satisfactory decision being arrived at, it might still be advisable to shift the seat of government to Calgary. In regard to the objection raised to the site near the old Hudson's Bay Port, it should be noted that the C.P.R. will have a high level bridge planned across the river about three feet below the high level of the two towns. If a deck for vehicular traffic is to be placed underneath, a somewhat higher level might be advisable, but as the plans stand, the structure would in no way impede the view up the river which should add so much to the attractiveness of this location for the building. Another site that is being very favorably regarded is out Jasper Avenue where the river bends in close to the street. By the time the parliament house is erected a street car line should be in operation, and with the growth of the city which we are looking for in the course of the next few years, it should not be long before this point is regarded as a fairly central one.

The plans prepared by architect Hopkins make provision for a very handsome governmental home for the province. The buildings will more nearly resemble those in Victoria, B.C., than any others. There will be a main building with two wings, crowned by a magnificent dome. The legislative assembly is on the second floor and contains commodious Visitors' Speaker's and Press galleries. The appointments will be all the departmental offices will be very handsome. The building is supposed to face the south and will probably be constructed of stone.

A lively debate took place last Friday afternoon over the bill to charter the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. This organization proposes to erect a large number of elevators throughout the province and considers that the general companies' ordinance is in such an indefinite shape that a special act is necessary for it to transact its business satisfactorily. The bill as it stood gave the company very large privileges, such as power to build telephones, telegraphs, tramways, power works and to carry on manufacturing and mercantile business. Mr. Rosecrans wanted it thrown out altogether, but several other members, Messrs. Rutherford, Finlay, Walker, McPherson, Telford, McLeod, Hiebert and Robertson, to support him but it was finally agreed that it should be sent back to the Private Bills' Committee. It finally passed with the powers of the company considerably curtailed.

The action of the House in throwing out the Chemists and Druggists bill should prove a popular one. It is the in-

tention to make all the professions subject to government control. This will prevent their developing into close corporations as in the older provinces, where their arbitrary treatment of members of the profession and the exactions which the governing powers have made, have resulted in considerable public feeling. The day is past for this method of organizing a calling. All that the legislature should attempt to do is to place safeguards on a profession such as will protect the public from those who undertake to practice it without the proper qualifications.

The budget debate on Tuesday was a brief one, being participated in by the premier, speaking in his capacity as provincial treasurer and Messrs. Robertson, Hiebert, Cushing, Moore, Stuart and Fredin. The expenditure is calculated at \$1,908,081.67. After this is made, it is claimed that there will be a surplus from general revenue of over a quarter of a million. The speeches aroused little interest, the information that the premier had to give being already in the possession of the House and the public and the opposition offered being purely perfunctory.

The various railway charters before the House have taken up a good deal of its time. They have all been formally passed with the exception of those for trans lines, which will come up next year. They are, however, subject to very important restrictions. The building of the road must in each case commence within two years, thus preventing the practice of charter-mongering. What is more, each is to be subject to the provisions of the general railway act when that is enacted.

The trip which the members contemplate to Southern Alberta will not take place till August. The party will assemble at Calgary on August 7th.

The infantile Province gives the following pen-picture of the proceedings of the House, which will be appreciated by those to whom after two months of constant application to duty, the novelty of the situation described has worn off: Before the opening of the House the members sit about in picturesque attitudes, smoking and chatting with easy grace. Overall hangs an atmosphere of the pious, bearded deacon's reign. Pipes and cigars vanish, the Speaker and his clerk appear, the mace-bearer bows low and retires. Prayers are said, and the orders of the day, which lie before each member, are quickly recited, and so to work. The four ministers sit together on one side, and all around them cluster their trusty followers. The work progresses, and as a rule is not brightened by brilliant debates or scathing repartee. For the most part there is a stolidity about the members like that of a hall of agricultural meetings. Once or twice the hall may be broken, but for the most part heavy torpor reigns. When the premier thinks fit he moves an adjournment, the Speaker and the mace retire, obliging pages supply the members and the press with really quite excellent cigars, and the members disperse throughout the city.

Hard work has not proven inconsistent with participation in the social life of the city and at many a gathering the members have been most welcome guests. They have made a hearty welcome back to the city in January from the many friends whom they have made within the past month. A unique tribute was paid to them by a body of citizens on Monday night, when a banquet was held at the Pendennis cafe. Close to a hundred were present and the evening was most enjoyable. The banquet itself did the proprietors of the enterprising establishment, Messrs. Pinch & Morton, all credit. The tables were most tastefully decorated and Clark's orchestra played throughout the evening. Mayor May presided, not as the head of the corporation, he wished it to be understood, but as "one of the boys." The toast of the legislature was responded to by Premier Rutherford, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cushing, Mr. Finlay and Mr. Hiebert, who spoke in place of Mr. Cross, at the latter's request. That to the hosts of the evening

was proposed by Mr. Cushing and replied to by Mr. Griesbach, R. C. Edwards, Duncan Marshall, J. R. Cowell and A. Watt were the sponsors of the press and Mayor Michener of Red Deer and C. A. Stuart of the visitors. A notable statement was made by the leader of the opposition, Mr. Gaetz, who, in his speech, he declared, found that though in opposition to the government, they could support most of the magnificent legislation which the administration had introduced. All testified to their warm appreciation of the hospitality of Edmonton. The members who supported Calgary for the capital virtually said they were glad the decision had gone against them. Mr. Michener even went so far as to state that he was tempted to move up to Edmonton, a declaration which evoked a remonstrance from his fellow-townsmen, Mr. Gaetz. The evening was greatly enlivened by Mr. Marshall's humorous stories.

Prof. McLennan's Lecture

The lecture on the Metric System of Weights and Measures is to be given under the auspices of the Board of Trade by Prof. J. C. McLennan of the University of Toronto, in Robertson's Hall, Edmonton, on Tuesday evening, May 16th, forms one of a series which the Minister of Inland Revenue of the Dominion has invited Prof. McLennan to give throughout Canada, with the object of explaining to the people the characteristics of the Metric System of Weights and Measures, a system which is in use in practically all the great countries of the world, except the British Empire, the United States and Russia. The lecturer will bring with him a complete set of standards of weight, length and capacity with which to illustrate his remarks. From reports which have been received, Prof. McLennan treats the subject in a very simple and interesting way, emphasising the practical rather than the theoretical aspect of the question.

The subject is one which is of vital interest to the people of Canada, and in view of the agitation now being carried on for the adoption of this system in Great Britain and in the United States, the lecture should prove of wide general interest.

An opportunity will be given at the close of the lecture for discussion, and it is most desirable that there should be strong representation present, both of those opposed to the system as well as those in favor of its adoption by Canada.

In addition to manufacturers, merchants and professional men, housekeepers and students should find the lecture of special interest.

Sup't Pace of the C.N.R. announces that C.N.R. trains will be running to White Horse Lake by Aug. 1st, and to Morinville by July 1st.

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In the Athletic World.

The more we learn about Sherring's victory at the Olympic games at Athens, the prouder should Canadians be of it. He is no "fanned fool," who having leisure on his hands, gives it up wholly to recreation, but a hard working young fellow, who has pursued the branch of sport in which he excels amid many difficulties. He has been a Grand Trunk brakeman for the past six years, little time in which to train. What is more, he has lacked the means to take him to the great athletic gatherings. When it was first suggested that he should go to Greece a civic committee was appointed in Hamilton to raise funds but it threw up the job when he insisted on his old training being sent instead of a Y.M.C.A. man who was favored by some, Sherring went among a few friends and raised about \$400, thinking that would be enough to make the trip. The cost of living in Athens was much higher than he anticipated, and about three weeks after his arrival, he wrote that he would not have sufficient funds to last him. A concert was given and the proceeds \$80, were cabled to him. As one Hamilton correspondent says, there were scores of sports who blew in several dollars in celebrating his victory who would not pay twenty-five cents for a ticket for this benefit concert. This is always the way. Sherring will find heaps of friends when he gets back. The trouble is ever in getting some one who will recognize ability and help it along when it is in need of help.

Sherring's victory should do a great deal to encourage amateur running in Canada. There is no finer sport. Why shouldn't the programme committee arrange for a cross-country race at the time of the exhibition. It would prove a great attraction. The only objection is that the weather in July will be a trifle warm for this strenuous exercise.

Messrs. Semerad and Fibiger have made the suggestion that Edmonton should contribute to a testimonial for Sherring. The idea is an excellent one. The victory appeals to every Canadian and it should not be left to Hamilton alone to show its appreciation. By the way, is there a Canadian town or city which has won greater distinction in sports of all kinds than Hamilton? Its runners have been unequalled in the continent over, Cuffins having won the great cross-country race at Boston and established the existing record. William Hendrie's colt Martimino won the Suburban, the blue ribbon of the American turf. Fritz Martin was amateur golf champion of Canada. John L. Counsell was the greatest half-back in the history of Canadian football and the Tigers are now the champion team. No international cricket team has been complete without two or three Hamilton players. The city's record is certainly no mean one.

The idea of Greece believe in supporting athletics, judging by the crowds present at the Olympic games. There were 35,000 spectators one day. This rivals the crowds at some of the big British football matches.

A meeting was held in Calgary the other night to decide on the question whether professional ball-players should be engaged or not. To secure players, who would do the city credit, the chairman, Mr. A. Fiddler, said that it would be necessary to get one hundred business men to subscribe \$5 a month. If this is correct, professional baseball is an expensive business, too expensive altogether for Alberta communities to indulge in just at present. This is the lead in the opinion of the Saturday News. The towns are big enough to furnish enough gate receipts to keep the game going, it is better to stick to amateurism. With the long summer evenings, it should not be a difficult matter to keep a good amateur team going. Theoretically, it is better to keep to this basis for all time. One would think that the public would sooner turn out and see a lot of the town's own boys play than a lot of mercenaries. But the facts are not in accord with this. The people want a winning team and don't care who comprises it. Therefore if one team starts it is safe, itself by importing high-classed players, most of the others must be depended on to do the same. Nevertheless professionalism in athletics are a curse. In their wake follow all the evils which disgust the true lover of sport—gambling, hoodlumism on the field and among the crowd etc. Games were invented for us to play ourselves and we get no good from hiring others to play them for us.

Calgary has gained a noted athlete in Eric W. Humber, who has been made manager of the Dominion Bank in that city. He is a fine hockey and football player and has twice rowed at Henley, once with the Winnipeg crew, and once with the Toronto Argonauts.

The junior cricket match on Saturday ended in favor of Westward Ho school by 56 runs, the result being due to good batting on the part of C. Cooper and the bowling of F. Bishopric and K. Kinnaid. The last named influenced the game considerably by twice catching the public school captain (Fred McKenney) off his bowling. The catch he made in the second innings was brilliant. For the losers Eddie Bragg (the secretary) was successful with bat and ball. It should be possible to raise two full elevens in the field. The next match (12th May) commences at 2.15.

Dr. A. O. MacRae, principal of the Western Canada College, Calgary, says that the school has not organized a cricket club, nor can they entertain the idea of doing so until they possess a caretaker who is himself a keen cricketer. He says the spirit of the west is at variance with the game. "The Calgary Cricket Club," he adds, "languishes though it is far from being dead."

Dr. MacRae calls cricket a noble game. "Has this city lost its love for the game?" asks a reader. "The senior cricket club seems to lack life. Last season a Saturday never went by without some match being played. Have those sacrifices, those labors and those efforts been in vain? Cricket is a noble game; people make it; one thing is certain that unless a club is run on a business like basis it cannot prosper. The worst enemies to the game are those who will not arrive on time. Cricket and everything else should commence at the hour announced."

With two lacrosse teams in the city the national game should flourish this season. The Capitals was the name given on the team which was organized last Friday with the following officers: Hon. President—J. H. Morris. President—J. Chamberlain. Vice-President—A. Hagen. Sec.-Treasurer—Alex. McKinnon. Executive Committee—Reg. Elliott, H. Walker, H. Leggett and W. Powers, together with the president. Capt.—Thos. McQueen.

A team with a name that occupies a big place in the history of the game in this country will have to work hard to be worthy of it. Many keen contests between the two clubs are looked for.

COVER POINT.

It has been arranged to have the census of population and agriculture in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta taken as they stand on the night of Sunday, 24th of June. Western members would like to have the date postponed to a later period, as population is pouring in at the rate of a thousand a day, and they would soon accumulate enough to have an additional member.

Edmonton is especially mentioned in President Roosevelt's message to Congress expressing gratitude to foreign countries for aid offered the sufferers in San Francisco.

A new local improvement district has been formed near Cooking Lake, with Alex. Chambers, M. L. Miller and John W. Brown as trustees.

A. D. McLean died in the public hospital on Sunday. He had arrived from Colorado only a few days before, seeking a homestead. While driving north from Vegreville, a shot-gun in the wagon went off and penetrated his thigh. The drive back to Vegreville, a distance of 25 miles, and the ride on the train were too much of a strain on his vitality. He was accompanied by his son at the time of the accident.

The Bishop of Calgary held impressive confirmation services at All Saints on Sunday night. His Lordship has just returned from a trip to Ontario.

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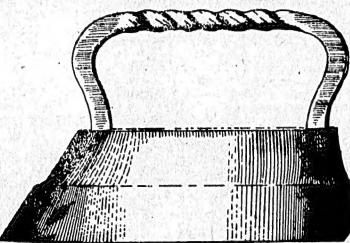
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Alberta has a rival to James McIntyre of Ingersoll, the bard whose verses dealing with the mammoth cheeses and the fat Kine and the stupendous weight of the logs of Oxford that did more than anything else to make that rich district known to the world. Mr. Matthew Fletcher of Lacombe kindly furnishes the Saturday News with the following Good people all please hear my say: Of sixteen years in Alberta; The land is cheap, the soil is good, And well supplied with coal and wood. When strangers come they seem amazed, When they behold the grain that's raised, They say at once "no more we'll room. We'll make Alberta now our home!" They go to work and build their shacks, With mud they plaster up the cracks, In three years time they own their land, And put up buildings neat and grand. They write to friends, but not in rhyme, About Alberta's sunny climate, The creeks and streams with speckled trout.

The ducks and geese that fly about. In autumn days, near set of sun, They shoot these down and call it fun. They bring them in to stew and fry, While their wet socks hang up to dry. They seldom speak of our railroads, Or grain sent out in great carloads, Nor timothy and prairie hay, That's stacked up here while both well pay.

Now when they tell of our new schools, Or half explain the British Colonies, Yet after all the thousands come, And choose Alberta for their home. They know our beef has been for years, The best of meat, the prime of steers. The horses raised are good and sound, In fact the best that can be found.

Some keep the sheep, for mutton, wool; For stock the stallion and the bull, They know for milk we have the cow, For raising pork the old brood sow.

Some chickens here are hatched by steam,

And nothing churned except the cream. Alberta's butchers have excesses, Fine meat beyond the name.

No wonder why both old and young, Of almost every land and tongue, Are rushing here, like bees in swarms.

To take up homesteads or buy farms. But one class comes though seldom rude,

He's called the silly, senseless dude, He is so haughty, full of gall.

He will not learn, he knows it all. Although he boasts of high degrees, Why he was born still puzzles me.

If on thing more you wish to know My late address is signified below.

MATTHEW FLETCHER,
Lacombe, Alberta.
Agent for Manitoba nursery stock and
photographer, near the Royal Hotel.

The Calgary Herald the other day in referring to a statement made by its local contemporary said: "This statement, made in the editorial column of a morning paper yesterday, is a lie, and the man who wrote it is a liar."

The language is strong, but why shouldn't it be used, if it states a truth? There is too great a tendency to be meanly-mouthing these days. The use of such words as are contained in the above paragraph, either in the press or in conversation, is regarded as an evil of bad manners. But such a social dictum cannot be justified by considerations of common sense. A person certainly should be careful about calling another a liar, but when he is positive that that is the proper term to apply to him, by all means he should let him have it.

While on the subject of strong language, it is worth while to take note of a discussion which recently took place in England. Mr. Hunt, M. P., was strongly censured by the redoubtable Mr. Keir Hardie, the Labor leader in the House of Commons, for twice exclaiming, "I don't care a dam!" The chairman replied to the complaint, "The London Academy however, denies that they were disorderly, if spelt as the originator of the phrase used them. What Mr. Hunt said, in effect, whether he meant it or not, was, 'I don't care a brass farthing.' A 'dam' was an Indian coin with a Portuguese origin, the value of which was about the eighth of a penny. To make sure, therefore, whether your friend is swearing or not, you should ask him to commit his remarks to writing.

Of course I don't mean, by calling attention to the Academy's argument, to encourage the use of profanity among my readers. I want to make this plain for a particular reason. I am very much interested in seeing the project for

the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building go through in Edmonton and in having it conducted along rational lines. I have urged that latitude be allowed the young men who frequent the rooms but I am afraid that if the good people of the town received the impression that I was an admirer of sulphurous language, they would regard me as a very unsafe guide. Matters of Y. M. C. A. interest, I may say without qualm, that I do not think the secretary of the local branch should allow the word mentioned in the preceding paragraph to be used about the quarters over which he presides either with or without the "n." The devotees of the billiard table will have to find something milder. Crokinole players might offer some suggestions.

That there is a deep-seated need in human nature for an explosive to be used on certain trying occasions will be, I think, generally admitted. We should simply try to make it a little offensive as possible. It is not every man who can follow the example of Bishop Potter of New York. He was a devotee of the game of golf and divides himself on being a player of no small ability. One afternoon he was going around the ball remained exactly where he had placed it. He glared at it for a good minute with no very pleasant expression. As the bishop prepared for another try, his companion said: "Your Lordship, that was the most profane silence I ever witnessed in my life!" But how many are there who can on all such occasions indulge in mere inward profanity?

I notice that the Medicine Hat Y. M. C. A. also proposes to have a billiard room and a smoking room. Revelstoke already has the latter.

Le Courier de l'Ouest publishes a cut of Jasper Avenue in its last issue, showing so few people on the street that a cannon-ball could be shot down its length with perfect safety. The photographer must have done his work on Sunday, for the picture gives a wrong impression altogether of this fine though quiet city. Every morning till nightfall, on a week day, it now teems as busy and bustling a crowd as an eastern city of 40,000 could show. All trains bring scores of newcomers. Most of them are here but for a short period, of course, but many remain. And there is every indication that existing conditions will last all summer.

Overheard at a reception the other night:

One of the younger Fry—waiting for the older people to go so that dancing might begin—said to the chatterer: "Did the lady who didn't want to go: 'Yes, and don't you notice how the bass voice predominates? It reminds me of when I used to gather eggs. Did you never observe, on such occasions that the cock-a-doodle-doo always makes the most noise?'"

Young Fry—"Sat on again!" adding as she turned away, "and not by an incubator, either."

THIR LOUNGER.

The High Level Bridge

Particulars in Regard to its Length and its Height

The following particulars in regard to the C. P. R. high level appear along with the plans filed at the registry office:

Distance from bank to bank at base of rail 3,800 feet.

Actual length of bridge 2,600 feet.

Base of rail to high water level 112 feet.

Base of rail to low water level 147 feet.

Distance shore to shore, low water 800 feet.

Distance shore to shore, high water 1,600 feet.

Deepest cut in south bank 80 feet.

Deepest cut on north bank 19 feet.

Cutting for approach on south side begins at Griesbach Avenue. Cutting for approach on North side begins at Jasper Avenue.

About Town.

Miss Edna Sutherland has been appointed to the vacancy caused by the sudden exit of Mr. Christie.

One hundred and fifty newspapermen of the State of Pennsylvania will tour Canada in July. They assemble at the Suspension Bridge, Niagara, July 23. The itinerary is: Niagara Falls to Toronto; the Muskoka Lakes; from North Bay via the C. P. R. to Port Arthur; C. N. R. to Edmonton. From Edmonton they take the C.P.R. to the coast.

Emil Steinke has been doing excellent immigration work. Last year he returned to his old home in Russia to bring a number of relatives and friends to Alberta. The vanguard, consisting of several families, has already arrived. They are staying at the homes of Matthias Baumuller and Edward Dalmer on Fraser Avenue. A larger party still will come in a few weeks. Among those already here is the oldest brother of Messrs. Ludwick and Samuel Klapstein of Ellerslie.

John Scheuermann of Bruderheim and Robert Wiler of Beaver Hills, will shortly remove to Edmonton. The latter will open a butcher shop on Fraser Avenue.

The sum of \$68.50 was taken up in collection at the recent Oddfellows church parade in Fort Saskatchewan. It will be sent to the relief of distressed Oddfellows in San Francisco.

Mr. Larose of Larose & Bell has returned from Montana with two carloads of horses.

The new hotel on First Street was opened by the proprietors, Messrs. Maloney and Bertrand, on Monday. It will be known as the St. James.

The staff at the hospital in Strathcona consists of Miss Tofield, Matron, and Misses Bleakney and Vance, nurses.

Ross' three-story hotel is almost completed at Mannville.

Natural gas has been discovered on the farm of Alex. Killner at Tofield. A good flow will be obtained, it is thought.

The well-known and successful contracting firm of Smith & Sharpe of this city, have dissolved. Mr. Sharpe intends to engage extensively in business in Edmonton and surrounding district. —Winnipeg Free Press.

A bill of \$250 was presented to the council on Tuesday night for rent of the rink at the time of the opening of the House. It was resolved to offer \$150 in settlement.

Bruce Powley returned from a seven weeks' trip east on Tuesday night. He was accompanied by his family. He reports the greatest interest in everything pertaining to Edmonton and the west.

Wallace McDonald, of the law-firm of Tupper, Phippen, Tupper & McDonald, of Winnipeg, has joined the firm of Bowin, Dawson & Hyndman. Mr. McDonald is a son of Chief Justice McDonald of Nova Scotia. The firm will in future be known as Bowin, Dawson, McDonald & Hyndman.

J. M. Sissons, East End Drug Store, is now occupying his newly fitted store on Jasper, opposite the Alberta Hotel.

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The Saturday News was first issued on December 23, 1905.

The following is a statement of its bona-fide circulation:

Week of April 21—	1010 copies
" 28 "	1042 "
" May 5 "	1095 "

Will Mr. Sifton Cause the Government's Downfall?

The North Atlantic Trading Company's contract with the Dominion Government has given rise to an acrimonious discussion at Ottawa. Mr. Foster and other members of the Opposition denounced in strong terms the "Siftonian" methods of which the contract, as they alleged, bore the earmarks. Mr. Oliver, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and a few government supporters defended and Mr. Bourassa ended the debate by announcing his intention of voting with the Opposition. He added life to the proceedings by declaring that he had not been sent to parliament by an independent and honest country, such as he sat for, to swallow things because the Conservatives had been as bad. The Ross Government, when approaching its fall, had received very sound advice to scrape away the barnacles with an iron hand. There were to-day thousands of independent Liberals in Quebec and elsewhere who felt that the barnacles on the Federal ship should be treated with an iron hand. Reverting to Mr. Sifton, he declared that it was a great mistake that "this man" had been put in the Government, that the Government had swallowed his terms. He would yet cause the downfall of the Government, concluded Mr. Bourassa. He was accompanied into the Opposition lobby, when the vote was taken, by Mr. Verville, the Labor member for Maisonneuve.

The member for Labelle undoubtedly spoke for a considerable section of the Liberal party, when he made his reference to Mr. Sifton. None of the various charges that have been made against the late Minister of the Interior in the past have been actually proven but a great deal has been brought out to arouse public suspicion. In this case, he has boldly defied his opponents to make definite charges against him and it is extremely unlikely that any wrongdoing will be brought home to him. But the circumstances attending the particular contract that has been un-

der discussion were certainly not of a character to increase the electors' confidence in his administration.

The North Atlantic Trading Company was a very mysterious corporation. Its purpose was to carry on emigration work in those countries in which such activity on the part of foreign governments is under legal prohibition. It was to receive \$5 per head for every emigrant sent to Canada. For six years from July 1899 to June 1905 payments on this basis were made but nobody knows to whom they went. Mr. Sifton and Messrs. Preston and Smart some time ago stated that they were made to an incorporated company bearing this name. But when the Public Accounts Committee commenced investigation a few weeks since it learned from Lord Strathcona that no incorporation had taken place till June of last year. The act of incorporation was in the Island of Guernsey and the persons named as subscribers to the memorandum and articles of association are a number of London solicitors' clerks.

Mr. Smart, who was deputy-minister, when the payments were first made, has since become an employee of the North Atlantic Company.

When asked by the parliamentary committee to divulge the names of those behind the organization he refused to do so. His relation to the government and to the company is, to say the least, a peculiar one. A. P. Collier, late private secretary to Mr. Sifton, and Miss Kelly, a stenographer of the department, are believed to have information in their possession which would throw light on the matters under investigation. But they are said to be in the United States and at any rate cannot be found. If everything is all right the government surely has it in its power to show that that is the case. Mr. Oliver now announces that the contract has been revoked, the department having learned that the company has not of late been living up to its obligations.

Is there any evidence to show that in those six years during which it had no corporate existence, those obligations were being lived up to? Is there not grave reason to suspect, in view of the various irregularities which have been brought to light and the evident desire to bury investigation that has been shown, that the arrangement was a purely grafting scheme? It is not enough for Mr. Oliver to tell of the wonderful progress made in recent years under the immigration policy of the government. Good work has been done on the whole, but that is no excuse for allowing band of adventurers to get even a small share of the money being voted for immigration purposes. If the members of the administration are wise, they will take the public into their confidence, no matter what the effect will be upon the reputation of Mr. Sifton or anybody else. The late Minister of the Interior throws the burden of proof upon the members of the Opposition who have brought the matter up in the House. It is doubtful if they can accept his challenge, but that will not end the matter for the government. The contract is one which must arouse public suspicion which Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues should take active steps to allay. If they do not, the consequences to them will be serious.

Sunny Alberta

Robert J. Pambrun of Tosfield, has succumbed to a lengthy illness. He suffered from tubercular trouble.

Capt. Ross left Medicine Hat last week via the Saskatchewan River for Prince Albert. He filled a large pannier with a wagon load of provisions and accompanied by a couple of assistants, in the persons of Bobby McCutcheon and Percy Tabernacle, pulled out on Thursday afternoon.

Wetaskiwin will celebrate the inauguration of the town as a city. A banquet will be held, invitations to which will be forwarded to all members of the Government, Legislature, and all Mayors and Presidents of Boards of Trade along the C. & E. line.

Much sadness attended the arrival of F. Hodgins from Ontario at Soda Lake last week. His little son became ill on the train and died shortly after reaching the family's destination.

The R. C. church at Beaumont has received a new altar, the gift of a brother of the parish priest, and a statue of St. Antoine, from Theo Chalifaux.

Real estate values received quite an impetus in Medicine Hat during the week through the sale of the McCutcheon homestead at \$150 an acre. The purchase was made by J. W. Hamilton, of Calgary, \$20,000 being paid for the 133 acres. Many rumors were set afloat through a deal of such magnitude being put through, and by many it was thought that the purchase was made on behalf of the Hill people. The probability, however, says the News, are that outsiders are realizing the future which awaits the Hat as a big manufacturing centre and will hold the land for speculative purposes.

A. Y. M. C. A. is being organized in Medicine Hat. Plans are out for a \$25,000 building.

Lethbridge is asking the assistance of the C. P. R. in securing a flour mill at that point.

C. G. K. Nourse and W. C. Ives have been elected delegates by the Board of Trade in Lethbridge to attend the Associated Boards of Trade convention in Edmonton in June. M. Young and C. F. P. Conybeare, K. C., are the substitutes.

Lethbridge is counting on a large addition to its population through its establishment as a divisional point of the C. P. R. The roundhouse will employ 75 men. Twenty crews will run east and west while the road master and the superintendent of motive power with their staffs will make their headquarters in the city.

A new postoffice building will be erected in Lethbridge by Postmaster Higginbottom. The government is not prepared to act at present.

An item recently went the round of the papers that Mrs. Mark Drumm of Frank had perished in the San Francisco disaster. Mrs. Drumm had been away on a visit but did not even visit San Francisco, and is now safe at home.

Because he ran as a Labor candidate in Lethbridge, F. H. Sherman has been expelled from the Socialist party of Canada by Ferne Local No. 17.



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Note and Comment

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The purchase of a site for a bank building at \$1,000 per foot is reported in Regina. This doesn't bear out the talk that we have heard about the unreasonableness of Edmonton prices. Regina has a good future but few will be found to argue that it can possibly be equal to that of Edmonton. It has a good agricultural country around it but that is all. It is too near Winnipeg to be a wholesale centre. It is not even a railway divisional point. It offers no advantages to manufacturers. On the other hand almost every branch of activity is bound to be represented here.

The Saskatchewan Legislature has fixed the indemnity of members at \$1,000, the figure also determined upon in Alberta. But a decision was reached only on the casting vote of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Hon. Mr. Haultain moved that the remuneration be \$700 and two ministers and one other Liberal supported him. The sum decided upon is that paid in Ontario and if \$1,000 is the proper amount in the east, there is no good reason why it should be smaller in this part of the country. If Ontario legislators who are in the habit of getting board in Toronto at \$3 to \$6 a week were required to pay the prices prevailing in Edmonton hotels and lodging-houses, they would feel perfectly justified in asking an indemnity twice the size of that they are now receiving.

Another considerable increase in the price of lumber is in prospect. It has been raised in Vancouver from \$13 to \$15 per thousand feet and the move will speedily have its effect all over the west. Various explanations are given. The mild winter is said to have seriously impeded operations in the camps. Then, with the American duty temporarily removed in order that the builders' demands in San Francisco might be relieved, the demand for the Canadian product is greatly increased. It is certain that an excuse has only to have the semblance of validity to be used by the wholesale dealers to boost the price. With so much building necessary during the coming season in the Canadian west, the step taken is peculiarly unfortunate.

The Vegreville Observer says that the Saturday News man has wheels in his think-tank, this remarkable conclusion being based on the fact that it was stated in these columns that the town was still without a railway mail service. The Observer informs us that this is a mistake and that the mails have come by rail since April 1st. We are very glad that this is the case and can only plead in defending ourselves from our sprightly contemporary's imputation that our information was obtained on enquiry at the Edmonton post-office.

The passing away of Hon. Peter White M. P. for North Renfrew, who was speaker during the parliament which was talked to its legal death in 1890, is announced. Mr. White was one of the very few of the Conservative old guard still left in the Commons, entering the House first in 1874. He was a

man of urbanity and intelligence, a splendid type of representative. As a speaker he has not had an equal since Confederation. There has been no more trying period for a speaker during our parliamentary history than that during which he presided over the popular chamber.

The report of Superintendent Douglas of the Rocky Mountain Park at Banff shows that 20,000 persons visited it last season. The idea that it is suitable only as a place of summer resort has been abandoned and it has proven almost as popular in the winter as in the summer months. The wisdom of those who set aside so surprisingly beautiful a natural playground has been more than justified and similar reservations should be made at various other points. They need be no source of expense to the public. In fact the park at Banff now has a revenue far in excess of the cost of maintenance.

Clarence Darrow of Chicago, one of the most capable and most active of public ownership advocates, gives a forceful statement of the case for the more general application of the principle in a recent article. "The most casual student of social questions," he concludes, "has seen the enormous fortunes that have been built up by the private ownership of public utilities. The larger part of all the stocks and bonds issued by the public service corporations are based upon franchises and not on private property. By this means the public is constantly and systematically taxed upon its own property, and this vast tax, in the shape of interest on bonds and dividends on stock, is taken by a handful of exploiters and stock jobbers—who have thus contrived to build up private fortunes from public wealth."

Personal

J. G. Van Wart, one of Calgary's oldest business men and a pioneer of the Cariboo gold diggings, left last week for a trip to New Brunswick. This is Mr. Van Wart's first trip east in twenty-three years. Mr. Van Wart is evidently content to consider the west as home.

Rev Canon Newton, of Victoria, formerly of Edmonton, Alta., author of "Twenty Years on the Saskatchewan," and other books, is in the city for a few days visiting his son, L. P. Newton.—Calgary Herald.

Ben Prince, M. P. P. of Battleford, spent some days in Edmonton last week.

S. Clement of St. Jerome, Quebec, has come to Edmonton and is staying at the Richelieu.

Mr. John Kennedy has been spending the past week in the north country and amongst other places has visited Red Deer, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton, in each of which places he has made a special study of the school systems in vogue and the school buildings, with the object of obtaining all the information possible for the local board.—Medicine Hat News.

The Calgary Albertan says editorially: "The provincial government has done some wise things during its short tenure of office and has made very few mistakes,

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when the innumerable difficulties of treating new legislative ground are considered. In nothing have the members of the government shown greater foresight and acuteness.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Spohn have returned from their wedding trip to the Pacific coast. They will take up housekeeping in the house on Saskatchewan Avenue, Strathcona, lately occupied by Mr. J. R. Benson, now of Edmonton.

Mr. Will McNeely returned on Saturday night from a most successful trip in the interests of the Medicine Hat Milling Company. He was up in the Edmonton district and is greatly taken with the wheat growing possibilities in that country.—Medicine Hat News.

Mrs. F. A. Walker, wife of the member for Victoria, has returned to her home at Fort Saskatchewan after spending most of the period of the session in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins of Los Angeles have arrived at Strathcona to take up their residence. They passed through the recent earthquake.

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The Mirror**The Duel**

The gingham dog and the calico cat
Side by side on the table sat;
'Twas half-past twelve, and what
do you think?

Neither of them had slept a wink!
And the old Dutch clock and
Chinese plate

Seemed to know as sure as fate,
There was going to be an awful
spat,
(I wasn't there—I simply state
What was told to me by the
Chinese plate.)

The gingham dog went "bow-wow—
" wow!"

And the calico cat replied "meow!"

And the air was streaked for an
hour or so

With fragments of gingham and
calico,

While the old Dutch clock in the
chimney place

Up with its hands before its face,
For it always dreaded a family
row!

(Now, mind, I'm simply telling
you)

What the old Dutch clock de-
clares is true.)

The Chinese plate looked very blue
And wailed: "Oh, dear, what
shall we do?"

But the gingham dog and the cali-
co cat

Wallowed this way and tumbled
that,

And utilized every tooth and
claw

In the awfulest way you ever
saw—

And, oh, how the gingham and
calico flew!

(Don't think that I exaggerate—
I got my news from the Chinese
plate.)

Next morning where the two had
sat

They found no trace of the dog or
cat!

And some folks think unto this
day

That burglars stole the pair away;
But the truth about the cat and
pup

Is that they ate each other up—
Now, what do you really think of
that?

(The old Dutch clock, it, told
me so,

And that is how I came to know.)

—Eugene Field.

"The Ideal Woman" question
will not down. From a subscriber
in New York city comes the fol-
lowing:

A Kansas girl graduate to
whom had been assigned the theme
'Beyond the Alps Lies Italy', wrote
this essay: "I do not care a cent
whether Italy lies beyond the Alps
or in Missouri. I do not expect
to set the river on fire with my
future career. I am glad that I
have a very good education, but I
am not going to misuse it by writ-
ing poetry on the future woman.
It will enable me to correct the
grammar of any lover I may have,
should he speak of 'dorgs' in my
presence or 'seen a man.' It will
also come handy when I want to
figure out how many pounds of
soap a woman can get for three
dozen eggs at the grocery. So I
do not begrudge the time I spent
in acquiring it." But my ambitions
do not fly so high. I just want to
marry a man who can lick anybody
of his weight in the township, who
can run an eighty-acre farm, and
who has no female relatives to

come around and try and boss the
ranch. I will agree to cook dinners
for him that won't send him to an
early grave, and lavish upon him
a wholesome affection, and to see
that his razor has not been used to
cut broom wire when he wants to
shave. In view of all this, I do
not care if I get a little rusty on
the rule of three and kindred
things as the years go by."

We have here, you may notice, another case of the famous 2 in 1 household community—the girl's ideal man and correspondent's ideal woman all summed up in the one article. I know at least one Bachelor contributor, he of the Doraeque persuasions, who would find this Kansas graduate a little too capable, strenuous, and unsentimental to his way of thinking, but the fact remains that she makes, what is in the language of slang termed, a jolly good wife. An all-round, sensible, capable girl, full of the joy of living with wholesome loyal affections, is a much rarer find than the so-called jolly good fellow, and the man who discovers her and appropriates her as his wife may count himself a lucky man indeed. The Kansas girl's ideal man isn't so far afied either. I read the other day in one of the Eastern papers of a famous clergyman's description of his ideal Christian, and what do you think he said? "My ideal Christian, why he's the man who pays his bills and is good to his family." Rather simple qualifications on the face of it, but how many so-called Christians can qualify? I think myself the eminent divine must have been a pretty close observer of human nature, and that his much-in-little reply was wiser than even he knew, and the same holds good of this University girl's utterance. To marry a man who can hold his own and even go one better, sounds banal, but is in point of fact a very comfortable experience. If he can in addition run an eighty-acre farm with profit, it's safe guessing he'll go on to greater things, and last but oh very far from least, the husband who can ward off the customary horde of female relatives may in very truth be reckoned a Solomon for wisdom and be safely counted upon to possess more than the average stability and courage. Wise New Yorker will you not favor us with the sequel from Kansas?

The Saturday News accepts with its very deepest obeisance the complimentary references from its friend, Old Sport, and hopes that the years may only serve to strengthen the bond between them. Peggy, for her part, would like nothing better than to express further opinions regarding several varieties of countrymen in our midst—but has Old Sport not heard that there are several outraged Englishmen still hot on her trail, thirsting for a duel, if nothing more deadly, all as a result of her article on their fellow countrymen? You may take my word for it, my dear friend, that my existence hangs by a mere thread and may any moment be cut short by one of these brave fellows. You would not then I feel sure further imperil an already precarious existence by suggesting that our Scotch, Irish and other citizens join the woman-hunt. Some day perhaps when my nerve has returned, I may be induced to commit further indiscretions. In the meantime—I'll be satisfied with safer channels.

I'm afraid I'm not very capable

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of discussing Edmonton from a sporting point of view though I had an impression that it was pretty wide awake along those lines. I know there are some excellent golf players in town who have fine links, two cricket clubs, and if I remember aright several kindred organizations.

And now for the word of advice. As you know it is the one really cheap commodity in Edmonton—what it is worth is another question. From what I can gather there are much greater opportunities in Canada for nearly all the trades than in the old land, and the same holds true in farming and clerkships. As you failed to tell me though just what avocation you follow I can hardly judge what would be best in your individual case. I believe in the long run you would become very fond of the life out here, also that an English girl could be very happy here in time. It's just a question whether you are content to give up something—old associates and friends,—in order to earn a larger stipend, or to forego a more substantial future for the sake of old home ties. I shall be interested to know which you choose.

Peggy is vain. Perhaps you discovered that weeks ago. At any rate I have determined this week to show you some of the handsome bouquets which occasionally come her way—realizing that the majority of you are aware that not infrequently the bitter is strangely mingled with the sweet in the way of small cabbages bearing the legend—of course it's all from mouth to mouth—"Peggy thinks she's awfully clever doesn't she, giving me this rap or that" or some equally idiotic remark—a case of the shoe fitting you see. So do for once mark well what makes a journalist's life, if not a bed of roses, bearable.

Dear Peggy—I have been "going" to write you for I don't know how long, just to tell you how much I admire your baby—"The Saturday News," but you know how susceptible we are (some of us) to procrastination, especially so in doing those small things which may give pleasure to others. If it were something disagreeable I had to say no doubt you would have heard it long ago.

While such a promising baby must be the object of great many compliments, I do not think she is a stranger of a few more turning your head, and a high-toned literary venture surely deserves all encouragement that can be given.

I have read every number of the News since its first appearance, and have been

sending them home to the folks right along, not only so that they may keep in touch with what is going on in this far corner, but also to show them what a "good thing" Edmonton can turn out in the way of weekly.

And say, Peggy, I would like to see what you can tell about me from my hand-writing. Spek I know myself as well as you can tell me (ah, only too well), but have a curiosity to know how much there is in the art—or shall we call it a science? Now I want a straight-from-the-shoulder delineation. None of this, "You possess an amiable disposition" kind. I want to know just what you see in this hand-writing if you see anything. If you observe it in indications of art and self-satisfaction which lie in the profits made by hiring shop-girls at \$5 per week and then holding up the hands in "holy horror" because they "go wrong," and mayhap writing an article in the "Hum Journal" telling how to live in New York on \$4.00 a week, don't be backward in saying so. Let's have the truth, as near as you can see it, even if it does hurt.

And so, wishing your baby a long life, and a healthy one.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
Crow.

When I passed on the above letter to the editor of the Saturday News, I noticed that his face gradually assumed a perfectly beaming expression. Journalists are often quoted as a pretty inhuman lot, but I know from personal experience that they are as susceptible to praise or blame as the rest of humanity and that an appreciative word goes a very long way towards inspiring them to renewed effort. Bad news, as Crow remarks, takes unto itself wings, but praise travels slowly and very often fails to reach its destination. I can not account for this correspondent's fear that I may make a too free use of the complimentary salt shaker. I rather judged from some of the criticisms that have reached me, that I was considered fearfully unkinked, if not worse. When will people realize that the editor of a correspondence column can have no possible reason for being other than just, seeing that in every case the correspondents' identity is unknown to her. Dodge your head, here comes another nosegay!

Dear Peggy—Having read your paper ("The Saturday News") from its commencement, I thought I would just give you my opinion of it. I must say I find it a very interesting little paper, well-printed and full of good news. I haven't missed one number of it up to date, and don't mean to so long as I am able to obtain it. It has passed many a weary hour away for me, especially back in the winter when it was really too cold to be outdoors, and when to sit by the fire and read it was one of my greatest delights. I can see a splendid future for your paper. I remember some weeks ago you and your wife were going to write about the different types of people in your neighborhood, you started with the Englishmen, and up to the present that is as far as you have gone. I do so hope that you will start again so that we can read something interesting about other countrymen.

I think Edmonton is a very slow town for sports, &c. The beautiful weather we have been having one would have thought would have started all the games going. I have been in Edmonton now nearly six months, and must say I am beginning to like it. At first I thought there was a little more life here! I cannot dance, and as there is nothing much else going on at night, I have to content myself with reading.

Now I have a little question to ask you. If I were a married man and in the same position of busness, I should be no better off than if I were at my own home. I could go back to the same place of business that I left to come out here. Would you go back home (which is in England) and settle down there? Or would you remain here, or would you send for that little girl to come out here and settle? I am in a fix as to which to do. I intend, however, staying here another six months to make up the year no matter what I do, so should be very pleased if you could advise me on the subject. I have no relations in Canada and do not expect any to join me out here, so really can't at present see much use in staying. I have

a situation here very similar to the one I left and which I liked very much. Hoping you can give me the advice I ask for.

I remain,
Yours truly,
Old Sport.

The Household.

CLUB RECIPES

Men are constantly grumbling that the cooking at home is not as good as at their club. How could it be? Do they expect Bridget at fourteen dollars a month to cook like a club chef? Besides expense is never considered at a club. The best of everything is got and nothing is skimped. Here are a few recipes that can be done at home, fished from club chefs:

BACON AND KIDNEYS

Cook veal kidneys in brown stock ten minutes, drain and cut in slices. Put alternate slices of kidney, and thinly sliced bacon on a skewer with a fresh mushroom cap at either end. Broil until bacon is crisp and arrange on toast. Pour over a sauce made from the stock seasonings and thickened with a tablespoonful of Maitre or sherry, added just before serving.

BROILED KIDNEYS

Order veal kidneys with suet left on. Trim, split and broil over a clear fire ten minutes. Serve on toast and cover with melted butter seasoned with salt, cayenne and lemon juice.

POTATOES A L'ANTLERS

Cook potatoes with jackets on, drain and let stand twenty-four hours in a cold place. Peel and cut in small cubes. Put into a sauce-pan with two tablespoons butter to each two cups potatoes. Make red with paprika and season with salt; then add cream to cover, and cook slowly forty-five minutes.

FRENCH TOAST

Beat an egg and add to it a tablespoonful of sugar, a quarter of a cup of milk or water and a quarter of a teaspoonful of cinnamon or grated nutmeg. Dip slices of bread into the mixture, and place them in a cutlet pan, which is hot and well-greased. Brown quickly on both sides, and sprinkle with sugar.

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This pudding is an especially excellent accompaniment to a dish of boiled or veal, or any fat and juicy joint. Six tablespoomfuls of flour, three eggs, a tablespoomful of salt and a pint of milk, so as to make a rather stiff batter, a little stiffer than you would for pancakes. Beat it up well and take care it is not lumpy. Put a dish under the meat, and let the gravy drop into it until it is quite hot and well greased; then pour in the batter. When the upper surface is brown and set, turn it, that both sides may be brown alike. If you wish to eat firm and the outside brown, turn it back, it will take two hours at a good fire.

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ly, to hear that you like our little paper. Of course it's not half we would wish to see it, by any manner of means, but we're working towards a high ideal and hope before a great while to reach it, in part, at least. Regarding the social column, being a newspaper man you will realize what pitfalls await the unwary in its pursuit. Candidly I find it the hardest part of my work. There are so many considerations to be taken into account in editing it, so many wheels within wheels, that I often despair and threaten to do away with it altogether. As you say the great danger lies in the giving of indiscriminate praise, but remember, if a social reporter be honest, as I hope I am, she will generally speak her real mind; altho' her judgments may not always meet with all her readers' approval. Personally, I don't care a continental about truckling to any man or woman in Edmonton. Being a comparative stranger I have no bosom friends to offend, no antagonisms, no connections. If a woman strikes me as charming I am apt to write her so. Naturally certain people come in for a greater share of attention than others, but in every case their position warrants it. After all a social record of facts must take into account the prominent citizens of a city, but that doesn't say you must necessarily smother them with misapplied adjectives. Believe me, Timer, if any women are slighted it is because they are, as yet, personally unknown to me. Lastly will you not bear in mind that there are few descriptive adjectives and many women. Is it not so?

Your writing is decidedly clever and full of vitality, generally reliable, and of the ambitious variety. Perception and manner are bright and observation and tenacity are strongly indicated. You have more than your share of vitality and force, are careful in the main of details, love an argument, are stubborn, apt to fly off at a tangent, hot tempered, critical, just, progressive, generous, have a keen eye to appearances, with a good share of self-reverence and faith in yourself; are probably musical and very appreciative and love to plan big achievements. Personal pride and impatience are notable characteristics, you should be a jolly good companion, be fond of a good time, pretty women and brainy men. You have shoals of ideas, and the gift of expressing them well. I know you imagine yourself a cynic—but I know better. I'm undecided as to whether you're a spendthrift, but think it's more than likely. You have a great many idiosyncrasies, like and dislike heartily, are tactful, generous, refined and should be a

splendid business head. I have no doubt but that you'll succeed in anything you set your mind to. You'd be tremendously good to your own, a bit selfish, and exacting, but—eminently liveable with. Will you not let me know your criticism of my criticism?

Delta — Poor little Cinderella! sewing at home while sister is away tripping the light fantastic, but wise mother not to let her girlies out before their time. Dear little girl you will have a lifetime in which to "do" parties and teas, but never again the same simple contentment that you at present enjoy. Balls are sometimes jolly, but you must always pay for your fun in the shape of ruined gowns or a deadly tiredness. Teas are sometimes good fun but they're often deadly dull. Personally, a fascinating book pleases me as well, but of course shoals of people will not agree with me. Now if I were you, Delta, I should have a very happy time until the Fall. Store your mind with ideas, take an interest in household matters, get interested in some outdoor games—and lo and behold you're a debutante—with a brighter mind, a more wholesome appearance, and finer capabilities than the average girl. Prince Charming will recognize this—and you'll live happy ever after. I am so glad if you can't go to dances, that you find my accounts of them interesting. It's chiefly for the "slut-ins" we publish a social column. And now for a character. Your writing shows refinement, bright perception, and a good deal of imagination. You are generally frank and confiding, perhaps a wee bit keen in criticism of others, impatient, sensitive, loving, changeable, illogical, artistic, dainty, with regard to personal appearance, warm-hearted, full of fun, fond of indulging in moods and tenses, take things to heart keenly, love children, have a good reasoning head, are loyal, sympathetic, downright in your opinions, thoroughly honest, with a mind and opinion of your own, loquacious, original and persistent. You might be fond of attempting a great many things and neglecting to finish them—but that you'll outgrow. I see decided ability, a good deal of misplaced energy and much inspiration in your study, a fine hand, Delta, for possibilities, but needing a little discipline to make it realize its best promises.

Home and Society.

Mrs. Norquay's artistic home on 8th street was the scene of a large reception on Friday evening, quite everyone knew being present to greet the popular host and hostess, and the guest of honor, Miss Dora Oliver. Far down the street

the glow from many Chinese lanterns illuminated the inviting grounds, and beckoned a welcome to the hospitable house. Within doors all was light and merriment. Miss Cross greeted her guests at the entrance to the prettily decorated drawing room, looking very sweet and dainty in a gown of dotted pale blue voile, with handsome guipure on the decolletage through which was drawn little knots of the material. Miss Oliver was becomingly gowned in black net over taffeta with a wreath of forget-me-nots in her hair and touches of the same color on the bodice. Until ten-thirty guests came and went, enjoying a merry chat, the delightful music furnished by Clark's Orchestra and a visit to the tea-room, where Mrs. Campbell had charge of the refreshments. Mr. Strathcona, Mrs. Brookwhite served tea and coffee, and Mrs. Wilson, the ices. The table was particularly pretty, a handsomely embroidered tea-cloth being stretched cut-in-cornered in the centre, on which rested a unique vase filled with Calla lilies. Around the base of the vase was arranged a white tulle centrepiece over red silk.

At ten-thirty the married guests left, while the younger members of the party remained for a jolly dance. The Misses Macaulay, sisters of the hostess, were untiring in their efforts to see that every one enjoyed themselves. They wore dainty gowns of white organdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney B. Woods and wee daughter, Marjorie, leave on Sunday for a trip east, where the Deputy Attorney has a good month's business before him. Mrs. Woods will visit her mother in Hamilton, later going on to a number of other points.

Another little patient, Helen Cross, for whom a great deal of concern was felt, is now quite well again much to the relief of a loving family and a host of well-wishers.

On Monday night Mrs. Ewing was the hostess of a tiny eucache party, three tables being engaged in the old but ever popular game. Towards midnight a dainty supper was served and the guests departed, after expressing themselves delighted with the charmingly informal evening.

Mrs. Turnbull will be out of quarantine next week and will move with her family to their handsome new home on Sixty-Sixth Street. Everyone will be more than pleased to know that the little girl, invalid, Helen Turnbull, is now completely recovered and shows no ill effects from her tedious illness. Mrs. Turnbull has been much missed at social functions of late and will be warmly welcomed on her return.

A very wide circle of friends will learn with regret that Mrs. Mowat, who has been laid up at her rooms at the Alberta with what was thought to be an attack of grippe has been obliged to go to the Hospital for treatment. Typhoid symptoms having developed. It is hoped that the attack may prove a slight one and my earnest good wishes will go out to Mrs. Mowat, that she may very soon be around again.

Sitting at my desk, in the cold reality of the bright sunlight I find in particularly hard to write of the visit of Canada's former "Queen of Song," the great and world renowned Albiani. The woman herself is such a gracious charming type, what she must have been is so clearly evidenced in some of her wonderfully executed songs, and yet within in so many particulars she is so very far from satisfying. One perhaps expects too much, but that it may some fond illusions have departed with her visit, and another songstress' name must henceforth be used to conjure me with. To Alice, the woman, I am only given but at Albiani's artist I am only given but whimsically, so and a thing it is to contemplate the shadow of what has been. What a stage presence Madame possesses though! Only one word is fit to describe her, the adjective "magnificent". From her regal looking head down her perfectly gowned figure, Albiani is every inch the queen, every inch whilst in repose—but when she moves—when she takes that skittish little run—who can do her justice save the animal she so closely imitates, the charmingly vivacious Albiani.

During the artfully presented by a really brilliant audience. In the vice-regal box were the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea, the Premier and Mrs. Rutherford, the Hon. and Mrs. C. W. Cross, Inspector Worsley, aide-de-camp to his Excellency, and Mr. Babbit, Mrs. Bulyea looking very sweet in a handsome brocaded gown of white satin,

with a coatee, in Empire style of exquisite lace, Mrs. Rutherford looking particularly well in a white crepe de chine overlaid with bertha and yoke of lace with delicate trimmings with knot-like violets and a sparkling butterfly in her coiffure. Mrs. Cross was looking her best in a gown of Limerick lace over tri-colored chiffon petticoats. The short coat effect opening over a deep girdle of chiffon ribbon in three tones, pink, mauve and green. A white illusion scarf added just the right touch of softness to this lovely toilette. Mrs. Cross was warmly greeted on all sides at the conclusion of the concert, everyone enquiring as to her health and the wee daughter's after their trying experience.

After the Albiani recital Miss Sommerville gave a jolly supper party of ten in honor of Miss Dora Oliver.

Had you discovered that we have an accomplished woman motorist, if not right in Edmonton at least just over the river? Lately I have noticed a jaunty little runabout being handled in fine style by Mrs. Dr. Archibald of Strathcona.

The younger set are having more than their share of good times of late, there being any number of parties for their particular amusement. Miss Grace Johnston had a "perfectly splendid" dance (to quote one who was there) on Friday night, about forty being in attendance. Mr. Barford, Miss Johnston and some of the guests furnished the music, which is quite the best idea, I think, for a small affair. I hear the young hostess plays very well indeed and that she looked her prettiest in a gown of cream voile, with a dainty lace beret. Being a mild evening the dancers wandered out on the verandah between numbers where several inviting cosy corners had been arranged, which added not a little to the comfort and enjoyment of the occasion.

Miss Oliver was quite one of the centres of attraction at the dance, and was beautifully gowned in yellow brocaded satin, with an overdress of yellow lace. Brussels net, a garniture of yellow lace forming the beret, headed by a soft gathering of yellow chiffon, edged with seed pearls, the whole very becoming to her pretty style.

Mrs. Cooper entertained at the tea hour on Saturday last in honor of Mrs. J. H. Pace, who left on Monday with her three children to spend the summer in Vancouver. Mrs. MacDonald, of Prince Albert, and Miss Dora Oliver, the two most beautiful debutantes for the occasion, Mrs. Cooper receiving in the drawing room wearing a smart black silk gown, with a white hair stripe, assisting her was Mrs. Harrison, one of Edmonton's prettiest young matrons, looking a picture in a gown of yellow silk organdy, with white chemisette of lace, and a chic yellow chapeau with a dark green wing. The tea table, which was in charge of Mrs. Frank Summerhill and Mrs. Jamieson, was lovely with a white tulle centrepiece on which rested a long blue vase holding a mass of sun-like glasse vase holding red and white carnations and fern. Assisting were a bevy of pretty girls, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Abbie Sommerville, Miss Grace Robertson, and Miss Saidie McFarlane.

Mr. Wolfe, the member for Cardston, and Mrs. Wolfe had a very recherche dinner at Croun's on Wednesday evening. Attorney-General and Mrs. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. St. John and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Marshall being the invited guests. The decorations were red and white, some lovely tulips centring the lavishly spread table. At the conclusion of the dinner the party went on to the Albiani recital. The hostess of the dinner, who is a very sweet woman with a charmingly unaffected manner was gowned in handsome black silk, with hat to correspond. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe who have been guests of the Windsor, left for their home on Thursday.

Mrs. Justice Scott was the hostess of a jolly young people's dance on Thursday evening, her cozy home making a particularly delightful setting for the social affair. The young damsels of the house were quite the ablest assistant hostesses one could wish for, and looked very sweet and luminous in their pretty party frocks. Clarke's Orchestra furnished the music and at midnight a delicious supper was served.

Most of the Members and their wives having departed for their various homes, things social are quieting down a bit. The

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hotels are already looking very deserted and now all we hear is talk of the various enchanting summer jaunts that are being planned. The majority of the Members and their wives have made themselves very popular during the session, and will be much missed in town.

Early in June the Women's Press Club of Canada will hold their first Annual meeting in Winnipeg, the club having been organized last year when about twelve representative Canadian women journalists were the guests of the C.P.R. to the St. Louis Exposition. Before reaching the city of St. Louis a meeting was held in the special car when the club was formed with duly elected officers. Every year the club selects a different city for its annual meeting and this year Winnipeg has been chosen as the point of interest. Mary Marckwell, the editor of the women's page of the Winnipeg Free Press, and secretary of the association, notes in her column that "she has received the assurance of many of our newspaper women writers being present, acceptances from 'Kit,' Agnes Deans Cameron, 'Peggy' Katherine Hughes and Francoise, (Miss Barry) and others having already come. Among those expected are Mrs. Beatrice Balstrode, Hon. secretary of the British Women's Press Club; 'Josiah Allen's Wife' and Agnes Latté, as well as Miss Macleod Moore, of New York. An active committee is busy arranging details, business and social, in kind." The Club will remain a week in the city.

Mrs. Oliver has been a much feted visitor since she came to the city for Miss Mowat's wedding, any number of dances, dinners and luncheons being given in her honor. On Friday Mrs. Hislop gave

a matinee Bridge for her sister, when four tables engaged in the fascinating game, Mrs. Scott finally winning the first prize. The hostess of the afternoon looked exceedingly pretty in a gown of white crepe de chine, with an embroidered chiffon yoke, the decolletage having a white chiffon tucker, the corsage being embroidered with seed pearls. Miss Oliver who received with Mrs. Hislop was the daintiest little figure imaginable in a white organza frock, much beaded and inset with white carnations lace and insertion, a double blue globe and moire slippers of the same shade, just the prettiest touch of color to the whole. At the conclusion of cards, the guests adjourned to the tea-room, where Mrs. Scott presided at the tea-urn, and Mrs. Bower Campbell had charge of the ices. The table was attractively arranged with a centrepiece of real lace shrouded in pink tulle, and centred by a tall cut glass vase of pink carnations.

On Monday Mrs. Hislop again entertained at cards, "500" being the attraction of the afternoon. The hostess received her guests in a lovely gown of gay silk chintz with a cream embroidery yoke and front, with tassels of pink introduced in the embroidery, and a pink pauve velvet girdle. Mrs. Barford was the fortunate prize winner.

On Monday Miss Oliver leaves for her home in Ontario, and as a farewell party, Mrs. Hislop is giving a young people's tea on Saturday afternoon. On Friday literally shoals of callers dropped in to say a parting word, when the bright little visitor looked her very prettiest, gowned in the most fascinating dress of Alice blue voile, made over white taffeta, the skirt being piped in a pretty design with

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liberty silk, and the bodice having a yoke of exquisite lace embroidered, as were the lower sleeves, with Alice blue forget-me-nots. The little coat effect was outlined with rich applique touched with gold, and narrow pink ribbon bows joined the two sides of the coffee front.



The work of extending Jasper avenue across the Macdonald property in the East end is being proceeded with. It is proposed to extend it still further and make a river drive of rare beauty.

The officers of the Edmonton and Strathcona Squadrons of the Canadian Mounted Rifles have been working hard during the week at a school of instruction, being held at the exhibition grounds by Capt. Mackie and Sergt. Jackson of Winnipeg.

O. Higman of Edmonton has received a 15-year electric light franchise in Fort Saskatchewan and will immediately begin the work of installing a plant.

The Vacuum Carpet Cleaner has arrived at the Edmonton Tent & Mattress Co., and is in operation, and should prove most satisfactory to those needing their homes cleaned.

The city council on Tuesday endorsed, on the request of Hon. N. A. Belcourt of Ottawa, the Dominion parliament's invitation to the King and Queen to visit Canada.

Farmers' Market

Edmonton, Alta. May 10th.

Hay has come in this week in fair quantities and has found a good demand. Timothy is quoted from \$12 to \$15 and wild hay \$7 to \$12 per ton. Straw is bringing \$4 per ton. Beef is quoted at 3 to 4c and live hogs 34c to 63c, while mutton and lamb bring 53c to 62c. Stores report a better market for butter and eggs. The price for the former ranges from 20c to 25c per lb and 15c per dozen for eggs. Potatoes bring 35c to 45c per bushel; oats, 22c per bushel for feed and 25c for milling; barley, 25c per bushel for feed and 30c for malt.

Weekly Market LetterEdmonton, Alta.
May 10th, 1906.

WHEAT—The Wheat Market has ruled strong and higher during the past week. Conditions have been for the most part favorable for the growing crop although there are scattered reports of unfavorable

conditions in some localities. There is a lack of moisture in the Canadian Northwest. The amount of wheat in store at terminal points in the United States and Canada increased 2,700,000 bushels last week. Wheat shipments were 10,672,000 bushels compared with 10,944,000 bushels last year. Of this amount the United States and Canada contributed 1,872,000 bushels compared with 1,048,000 bushels last year. The amount of wheat on ocean passage increased 240,000 bushels for the week. The United States government report issued today gives the average condition of winter wheat on May 1st as 91.0% as compared with 89.1 on April 1st and 92.5 a year ago. This report shows that the condition has improved slightly during April. There is nothing in sight at present to indicate any material change in prices either way at this time. We rather expect to see some reversion from present prices but we are still of the opinion that wheat bought on any good break will realize good profits to the purchaser.

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Sept. " "	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2	
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